

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Welcome new Commissioner! Commissioner Dharminder Dewan

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the October 17, 2011 and November 21, 2011 meeting.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6.1 Email from Joshua Barousse, Commissioner of the City of San Jose Human Rights Commission regarding HRC's process for recognizing community residents.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

- 8.1 None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Joint City Council – Human Relations Commission Conversation

BACKGROUND: Through the work of Commissioner Walsh, the Human Relations Commission has invited the City Council to participate in a conversation on January 31, 2012 at 5PM. The conversation will be held at the home of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. A short tour of the Dominican grounds and facilities will precede the event at 4:30PM. Staff has prepared a draft agenda for the Commission's review.

Enclosure: 9.1.1 – Draft Agenda for Joint HRC / City Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss agenda and confirm logistics.

9.2 FBI Internet Safety Presentation

BACKGROUND: The Commission is co-sponsoring the event “Keeping our Children Safe – Presented by the FBI.” The event is an informational session for adults on how children can safely use the Internet. The event is being held as part of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Sisters Elaine Marie Sanchez and Caritas Foster, from the Sisters of the Holy Family, have been planning and organizing this presentation along with several other agencies. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: January 24, 2012

Time: 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Place: Fremont Public Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd.
Fremont, CA

Enclosure: 9.2.1 – Internet Safety Presentation Flyer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Report and confirm which Commissioners can attend event.

9.3 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Commission has developed a work plan that includes various tasks and events through calendar year 2011 and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda. At its October 2011 meeting, Commissioners agreed to review the 2011 work plan of each committee and identify edits that could be applied to a new work plan for calendar years 2012 and 2013. The Commission also requested that each Committee’s primary tasks be added to the work plan.

Enclosure: None

RECOMMENDATION: Defer item to February Commission Meeting.

9.4 Human Relations Award Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Commission is considering an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve

the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit may include showing leadership in inter-cultural affairs, human services, community action, or humanitarian endeavors. Individuals would be recognized in the Tri-City Voice.

At its October 2011 meeting, the Commission finalized its award criteria. The work associated with this award will be added to the community outreach committee.

Enclosure: 9.4.1 Draft HRC Award Application

RECOMMENDATION: Defer item to February Commission Meeting

10. NEW BUSINESS (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 Election of 2012 HRC Chairperson and Vice-Chair

BACKGROUND: Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith have completed their first full terms (January 2011 – December 2011) in their current positions. At its October meeting, the Commission appointed a nominating committee to recommend a chair and vice-chair for next year. The Committee has nominated Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith for a second term in their current positions. Both have consented to the nomination.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a motion to Re-elect Chair Hoffman and Vice-Chair Smith, as nominated, for a one year term beginning January 1, 2012.

10.2 Bay Area Community Services – Fremont Services

BACKGROUND: Bay Area Community Services currently runs two programs out of their offices located at 40963 Grimmer Boulevard. The site houses the South County Wellness Center, which serves adults who have achieved a stage of recovery that, with additional peer support, can graduate from the mental health system altogether. This is a new model that replaces the former South County Creative Living Center model that the City has supported for many years. The second program is an Adult Day Care Program for seniors.

BACS is considering renovating the building to accommodate the two programs more efficiently. BACS' Wellness Director, Benjamin Blake, will attend to explain the new service model for adults with mental illness,

discuss the impetus for the change in model; and issues that have arisen this year with the program. Copies of the program work plan and budget are enclosed.

Enclosure: 10.2.1 – Exhibits A & B for BACS program

RECOMMENDATION: Receive program update from BACS' staff.

10.3 City of Fremont Social Service Grant Site Visits

BACKGROUND: One of the roles of the Commission is to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding social service needs and City funding support for non-profit social service agencies in the community. In 2010, the Human Relations Commission recommended (and Council approved) fourteen agencies for three years of funding, assuming satisfactory performance and continued availability of funds. The site visits this year will also include two agencies that were funded with CDBG Microenterprise funds. The current 2011-12 fiscal year is the second year of the three-year funding cycle.

As part of the performance review of agencies, staff will be conducting midyear evaluations. Commissioners generally attend at least one midyear review as a way to become more familiar with individual agencies. This is an especially good way for new Commissioners to learn about the work of the various non-profits.

Leticia Leyva, Human Services Management Analyst is available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.

Enclosure: 10.3.1 - A timeline for the evaluation process
10.3.2 - Agency descriptions

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners sign up for site visits.

10.4 Potential Screening of "Vincent Who?"

BACKGROUND: Commissioner La is working with a group to bring a screening of the film "Vincent Who?" to De Anza College in Cupertino. The film explores the murder of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American, by autoworkers in Detroit in 1982, and the subsequent Asian American civil rights movement that was catalyzed by this tragic event.

Commissioner La is requesting the Commission consider hosting an additional screening in Fremont on the same date as the Cupertino

screening. Since there will already be a screening nearby, costs of screening on the same night would be greatly reduced.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss possibility of sponsoring a screening of the film and provide direction to staff.

10.5 Opportunities for Collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission

BACKGROUND: Chair Hoffman recently met with Norm Budman, Alameda County Human Relations Commissioner. Chair Hoffman would like to report out on their meeting and discuss the possibility of the HRC working with the County Commission on human relations issues. Staff suggests the screening of the “Vincent Who?” film would potentially be of interest on a county-wide basis and a good vehicle for a joint project.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive report and discuss possible opportunities for collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

10.6 Exploration of web donations via the City’s website

BACKGROUND: The City of San Francisco recently launched Give2SF.org (<http://give2sf.org>) to provide a simple official online portal for donors to give to City departments and programs within the City and County of San Francisco. Chair Hoffman requested the staff provide an update on the possibility of the City of Fremont having similar functionality on its website.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide direction to staff.

10.7 2012 SF Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the Commission officially represented the City in the SF Pride parade and recommended the City Council adopt a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month. The next San Francisco Pride Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, 2012. Should the Commission wish to participate again next year, it may be advantageous to register as early as possible, in order to reduce parade contingent fees.

RECOMMENDATION: Defer item to February HRC Meeting.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Chair Hoffman and Commissioners Walsh and Campbell works to:

- a. Participate in the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB) at Family Resource Center (FRC) – workshops and/or forums
- b. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Watanuki (Lead), Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner La works to:

- a. Educate and empower the community on important social issues.
- b. Respond to current issues and concerns
- c. Hold events, workshops, and forums

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update on symposium.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Leung, Vuppala and, and Chair Hoffman works to:

- a. Improve visibility of the HRC
- b. Improve youth involvement
- c. Work with other Commissions to serve the entire community
- d. Organize a Film series

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Walsh, La and Campbell works to promote the needs of the community to City Leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update and add additional committee members to replace former commissioners.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

BACKGROUND: Committee will work to coordinate a city-wide day of volunteering on October 27, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: Defer Item until March 2012 meeting.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive reports from Commissioners on relevant meetings/events.

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. ADJOURNMENT